

3 January 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Procurement Subcommittee

SUBJECT : Visit of Chairman, Advisory Committee on Foreign  
Language Publications to Western Europe

1. A careful reading of the 1957 Minutes of the Procurement Subcommittee, enhanced by the current tenor of the times, reveals the increasing emphasis placed on the use of overtly available, foreign publications for intelligence purposes. Your Subcommittee has made progress along the lines of informing the field of the importance of their collection activities. You have prepared a communique to Moscow and are in the midst of preparing other such notices to peripheral posts. This is a fine beginning, but more should be done.

2. In line with this, I am planning a trip during March and April, 1958, to cover most of the capitals of Western Europe and including Cairo and Istanbul. The two primary objectives of our trip will be: a) to stress to all field collectors the value of their publications procurement activities, expressing our appreciation for such services, and b) to acquaint field activities with the coordination programs existing in Washington. In addition, we propose to discuss the increasing use of publication exchange programs as a source of procurement wherever feasible.

25X1A9a 3. I shall be accompanied by [redacted] Chief of 25X1A9a  
the Graphics Register, CIA/OCR, and [redacted] Deputy Chief 25X1A9a  
of the Acquisitions Branch, CIA Library. [redacted] will be concerned 25X1A9a  
with procurement of graphic materials, and [redacted] will be taking  
an orientation tour, since he has extensive procurement and fiscal  
responsibilities for CIA. My official assignment, in addition to the  
ones outlined above includes responsibility for research on mechanical  
translation and a report to the Director of Central Intelligence on  
the future of the Berlin Document Center.

4. If the members of the Procurement Subcommittee wish us to undertake any related assignment while on our tour, we would be pleased to offer our services on behalf of the Subcommittee or individual member Agencies. We propose to leave on 28 February 1958 and return about 1 May 1958.

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Chairman  
Advisory Committee on  
Foreign Language Publications